



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



23 Nov 2023

Kia ora whānau

**Retirement** - Our Deputy Principal and Kōtukutuku teacher Fay Young will retire from teaching at the end of this year. Fay has been teaching at our school for 30 years across various year levels. She has led the school and staff with the maths curriculum, the Duffy Book Programme, and she has spent countless hours, especially in the holidays, keeping the library in tip top shape.

Fay is often the first staff member here in the morning and does a lot of the 'unseen' work like putting out the road cones and wet weather flags, often in the dark. Fay has also made a very valuable contribution to the governance of the school as the staff representative on the board of trustees for 22 years. At a personal level Fay as Deputy Principal has been invaluable in supporting me in my role and I will miss our regular conversations and her advice.

Fay has given outstanding service over the years to the students, staff and whānau of Concord School and she will be missed. We will be holding a special assembly for Fay on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.15pm. We hope you will be able to attend.



**2024 Classes** - At the end of the year we will be saying farewell to 17 Year 6 students when they move on to their new schools. This is the largest group of school leavers that we have had for some time. As we have had fewer new entrant students this year it does mean that our staffing has decreased for 2024 therefore we will have three classes next year.

Our experienced staff are experts at multi-year level teaching, as being in a smaller school this is what we have been doing for years. You can be assured that your child/ren will get the best education at Concord School and they will not miss any opportunities due to having three classes. At present there are numerous Dunedin schools experiencing a decrease in classrooms, the new entrant numbers have been low for the last couple of years across the city.

2024 classes are being finalised and should be available at the end of next week.

**Senior Swimming** – A reminder that Kōwhai and Rātā classes are swimming **every Tuesday** afternoon this term at Moana Pool, leaving 1.00pm, back by 3.00pm. Don't forget your swimming gear!

**Prizegiving** – Please note that the end of year prizegiving has been changed to **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**. This will be preceded at **6.00pm** by a barbecue run by the Parents' Group - more info to follow.

**Pavlovas** – Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. Orders will be available for collection after school late next week – details will be posted on Facebook/Skool Loop when we know the details.



**Christmas Raffle** – Raffle cards are going home today for each family to sell for our annual Christmas Raffle. Please return these by **Friday 8 December**. More cards are available at the school office.

We will be having a mufti day for this **next Friday 1 December**. Instead of a gold coin, please provide a donation for the raffle hampers, such as food, toiletries or Christmas-themed items.



**Otago Athletic Champs** – Congratulations to Kaleb McKenzie and Arnold Reddy who represented our school at the Otago Athletic Champs on Tuesday. Although they didn't place in any of their events it was a great experience and they gave their best.

**Kindy Visit** – Next **Thursday 30 November** Makomako class will be walking up to Concord Kindergarten for a visit. We will need whānau to walk with them, so please let us know if you are available.

**Hypafix Dressings** – If your child has had a scraped knee or similar accident at school you may have noticed a white dressing has been used. This is called Hypafix dressing and is recommended by medical professionals as it is a low allergy adhesive, excellent for healing, waterproof, and stays on, unlike regular plasters.

The dressing can be left on for up to a week, and removed by just soaking the area with water (bath time is ideal) or cooking oil to soften it, then gently peel it off. We still use regular plasters for minor cuts.



**Honey** - Jars of our delicious school honey are now on sale at the school office for \$8.00 each. One per family please, as there is a limited number of jars.



**RATs** – We still have plenty of Rapid Antigen Tests in the school foyer if any families would like some. Check any you may have at home as they could be expired.



**Futsal** – There was no futsal this week due to the National Volleyball Tournament being held at the Edgar Centre.

**Touch** – Last week the team played the Mac Bay Tigers, 'Player of the Day' was Ava for being really involved in the game and running straight.

**Paint Shirts** – We are running low on paint shirts. If you have any old shirts at home that would be suitable for the students to wear over their clothes while painting, they would be much appreciated!



Ngā mihi  
Steve Turnbull  
Principal

**ABSENCES** – Please PHONE 488 2204, TEXT 027 391 9985, or use the Skool Loop app, by **9.00am**, with the reason your child is absent (sick etc)



**Clever Cats** – This Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm

**Girls KVC Uniform For Sale**

- Kilt is a size 30 (has an extra button to make it tighter). Fully open measures 107cm, when on measures 35.5cm button to button
- Jersey size is 92 cm (roughly a size 12)
- Junior jacket size 14

Wanting \$150 for the lot. Worn for 2 years, all in good condition, cleaned and ready to go. Message 0273048991 if you are interested.



**DECEMBER 23** 19 | 22 DEC | DEC

**M.A.S.H. FAIRFIELD**

**CONCORD SCHOOL**

WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS...

- 18 DEC** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
Normal After School Programme will run.
- 19 DEC** XMAS SLUMBER PARTY!  
Tis the season for a slumber party with pancakes, hot cocoa and festive crafts to get excited for the season to come.
- 20 DEC** CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK  
Our magical Christmas slumber party is unlike any other! A cozy setting with the perfect mood as Christmas carols fill the air.
- 21 DEC** THE MASH WORKSHOP  
Today children will make special gifts to share with their loved ones.
- 22 DEC** CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL  
Christmas Disco Day combines the joy of the holiday season with the energy of disco! Catchy beats of disco music, face paint and candy floss while reveling in the festive atmosphere at Wakari School.

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**Head Lice**

Please continue to be vigilant in checking your child's hair often and treating when necessary



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